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OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING 7730 EAST BROADWAY BOULEVARD

The Tucson Police Department is investigating an officer-involved shooting that took place yesterday evening on Tucson's East Side.

On March 6, 2020, at approximately 1:00 p.m., officers from Operations Division East were dispatched to an apartment complex at 7730 E. Broadway Boulevard for a report of a domestic violence incident involving a gun. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim outside. The victim reported that she had just been in an argument with her ex-boyfriend/roommate, **41-year-old Jacob Frausto**, inside of their apartment. She told officers that during the argument she attempted to leave with their young son, but Frausto pulled out a rifle and would not let them leave. The victim also reported that Frausto was making suicidal statements and was pointing the rifle at himself. Eventually Frausto let her and their son leave the apartment.

Officers attempted to speak with Frausto, but he refused to exit his residence. Hostage negotiators then responded and spoke with Frausto on the phone for several hours in an attempt to get him to exit his apartment peacefully. Tucson Police SWAT officers responded and assisted with safely evacuating multiple residents from neighboring apartments. While speaking with negotiators on the phone, Frausto fired numerous rounds from inside his apartment toward the outside. During the incident, a Tucson Police SWAT Officer discharged his firearm and struck Frausto while he was inside of his apartment. The Tucson Police Bomb Squad then assisted by sending their robot into the apartment. The robot is equipped with a camera and was able to send video to officers outside. Officers were able to confirm that Frausto had been struck and was still alive. SWAT officers then moved up to the apartment along with Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) personnel. TEMS is comprised of Tucson Fire personnel who train with the SWAT Team and respond to callouts with the team to assist with immediate medical treatment. Officers and TEMS personnel treated Frausto on scene for his gunshot wound. Tucson Fire then transported Frausto to Banner University Medical Center where he died from his injuries shortly after arrival. Next of kin has been notified. A custom high-powered rifle was found inside of the apartment.

Detectives with the Tucson Police Violent Crimes Section and sergeants with the department's Office of Professional Standards (OPS) are investigating the incident. Detectives are conducting the criminal portion of the investigation, while OPS is conducting a separate, but parallel administrative investigation to examine the actions of department personnel. This is standard protocol in all officer-involved shootings.

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The officer involved in the shooting was Officer Timothy Anderson, a nearly 9-year-veteran of the Tucson Police Department and 6-year-veteran of the SWAT Team.

Thankfully, no officers or other community members were injured during this incident. The investigation is ongoing and additional details will be released as they become available. Anyone with additional information is asked to call 88-CRIME.

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